IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

SPENCER HARDNEY, Appellant,))
V.)) Vet.App. No. 15-1430
ROBERT A. MCDONALD,)
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)
Appellee.)

APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF UNTIL FEBRUARY 12, 2016

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), 27 and 45(g), Appellee, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time within which to respond to Appellant's Brief. If not for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due on December 29, 2015.

The request for more time is being made because of substantial workload and to obtain supervisory review. In particular, the undersigned counsel had, and continues to have, a significant number of dispositive pleadings, to include multiple response briefs, and briefing conferences and concomitant memoranda due within a relatively short period of time. Therefore, in order to allow the undersigned counsel sufficient time to provide a thoughtful and thorough response to Appellant's brief in this case, he respectfully requests a 45-day extension of time.

Appellant was granted 45 days of extension in the case, thus far. Appellee has not been granted any extensions. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the

delay in filing the Secretary's response. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of 45 days, until February 12, 2016, is requested.

Counsel for Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellee, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Brief, until February 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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